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FRONT COVER: Left to right: Football tailback Dennis Robinson, Betty Vellesig, Ken Widdowson, Butch Vellesig, basketball center Robert Misenko, and Nancy Newkerk. Photograph by Barry Reeger.

BACK COVER: In the Oak Grove. Photograph by Ron Juliette.

Real-World Learning

by Susan M. Lang

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If the thought of a course in the Hotel, Restaurant, and Institutional Management Department conjures up visions of posh hotels and high class living, think again.

Class member Sandy Beck works on a Habitat for Humanity project in Homestead, Fla., during spring break. Houses like this one have steel frame construction; Sandy and her coworkers used screw guns to install brackets and hurricane straps.

Courtesy of Sandy Beck



Richard Lewandowski checks nutritional information and prices of canned goods at Giant Eagle for his project with the Chevy Chase Community Center.



Class member Tina Riedel from New Cumberland with residents of Eastern Orthodox Foundation.

Barry Reeger

Since 1993, Dr. Tom Van Dyke, chairperson of IUP's HRIM department, has taught "Housing the Homeless and Feeding the Hungry." It's a class that deals with the harsh realities of living below the poverty line. "Housing the Homeless" focuses on hospitality, all right, but of a different sort—hospitality and compassion for the needy stranger. It's real-world learning with people's lives at the core of the curriculum.

Van Dyke developed the course while teaching at the University of South Carolina. He was inspired by a presentation made in 1988 at a conference for hospitality and tourism educators. Representatives from the Cornell University Hotel and Restaurant Program discussed their Homeless Program, which included a Housing the Homeless course. They urged workshop participants to consider projects that focused on the needs of the homeless. Van Dyke took their advice to heart.

An IUP alumnus, Van Dyke brought the concept with him when he came to IUP to teach in 1990. At first, the class was an elective for Hotel-Restaurant students. But Harold Wingard, dean of the College of Health and Human Services, suggested that Van Dyke turn it into a Liberal Studies synthesis course. This was the first full-fledged service learning course approved by the Liberal Studies Committee, according to Van Dyke.

"Housing the Homeless" is structured around weekly presentations from guest speakers and thirty-five hours of participation in a community service project. Through firsthand experience, the students, who must be juniors or seniors, study the complex nature of the problems of hunger and homelessness.

"Ours is a middle-class environment," Van Dyke admitted, "and I think it is kind of a shock to many of our students to find out the extent of the problem of hunger and homelessness."

He follows the perceptions and progress of each student by requiring submission of a log every two weeks. "I try to keep pace with what they are feeling about the course," he said. "Hopefully, they will go through a

period of hopelessness, where they recognize the enormity of the problem. A lot of our speakers emphasize the huge extent of hunger and homelessness in our community, and I

hope that students can work through it and know by the end of the course that they can make a difference by giving of themselves to the community."

The facts regarding hunger and homelessness are appalling. During the Habitat for Humanity presentation, students gasped when they learned that one and a half billion people in the world live in inadequate shelter and another estimated 100 million are homeless.

Childhood poverty disturbed the class. Tammy Hetrick, a Nuclear Medicine major from rural Indiana County, worked at the Pathway Homeless Shelter. "I saw a two-year-old homeless girl, and it broke my heart," she said. Adults can endeavor to change their poverty status. Children are innocent victims.

But the guest speakers bring hope along with devastating facts. Frank Baker, professor of Biology at IUP, is a member of the Habitat for Humanity International Board of Advisors.

"The sun never sets on a Habitat project," Baker told the class. "There is building going on around the world at this very moment." Baker has worked at numerous Habitat sites, including those in Mississippi, North Carolina, Connecticut, and Haiti. He radiates an intense dedication to Habitat's cause.

Besides hearing from Habitat for Humanity, the Spring, 1995, semester class learned about the Alice Paul House, WIC, the Public Welfare Department, the Mental Health Association, VISTA, Head Start, and the Eastern Orthodox Foundation. Pennsylvania state representative Joseph Preston spoke to the class about ways to influence legislation. And Ron Casanova, an advo-



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Sandy Beck studies in the Oak Grove during the Second Annual Sleep Out by members of the student chapter of Habitat for Humanity to dramatize the conditions of homelessness.

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Breaking Free



Courtesy of Ronald Casanova

Ronald Casanova

"Housing the Homeless" guest speaker Ron Casanova has fought and survived. Hunger and homelessness are not a semester's academic digression for him. They are his life. Yet, he has escaped the feeling of futility, and now he seeks to help others escape with the time he has left. AIDS may cut that battle short.

Casanova began his life on the streets at the age of eight, when he ran away from the orphanage where he had been placed after his mother's death. As a teen, his search for food money led him to burglary and eventually to prison. After feigning insanity to receive better treatment in prison, he was transferred to New Jersey's Matawan State Hospital for the criminally insane. His plan backfired; he tells of beatings and of being subjected to extensive drug treatment. He was released after he served his original sentence.

But life didn't get any easier. Casanova developed a drug habit and sustained it as a mugger. After serving additional time, he returned to life in the streets.

Casanova found refuge in a community of homeless individuals living in tents in New York City's Tompkins Square Park. He was

enraged when the police tried to shut down the tent city in 1989. The residents had developed a strong support system to feed and clothe themselves. "Tent City" was the core of that support system. His rage energized him, and he's been an activist for the homeless ever since.

Casanova takes a unique approach to dealing with the many problems of homelessness, since he has experienced it firsthand. "Poverty is an industry," he said. "As long as there's homelessness, someone is making a profit." He sees many social agencies as part of the problem.

Casanova faults a system that traps poverty-stricken individuals, making them dependent upon others to fulfill the basic needs of daily life. As he sees it, the poor lose dignity, hope, and independence. They see no way out. He advocates, instead, teaching the homeless skills that will lead to their independence.

Currently, Casanova serves as vice president of the National Union of the Homeless, an organization based in Philadelphia.

Through communications such as the *Union of the Homeless National Newspaper*, the group seeks to share the message that housing is a basic human right. Union

members also coordinate homeless advocacy and develop strategies to find people housing.

Casanova was also integral in the organization of Empty the Shelters, a student movement to end homelessness in the U.S. ETS's "Summer of Social Action Program" runs this year in Philadelphia from June 11 to August 6 and involves participants in the study of poverty and politics. Among other things, students are making documentaries and producing newspapers to educate others about poverty issues. Empty the Shelters has additional sites in Atlanta, Chicago, Oakland, and San Francisco.

Artists for a Better America is another of Casanova's projects. This group hopes to change the perceptions that so many have of the homeless, demonstrating that they are not society's freeloaders but human beings with many talents and gifts to share.

Casanova's struggles embody the plight of the homeless. There is no easy way out. But he's doing what he can to empower the powerless among us.

—Susan M. Lang

cate for the homeless, traveled from Philadelphia to share his story.

"The speakers give our students an example of the caring and the humanity in the community," said Van Dyke. "Many of those who spoke are the true heroes of our community, because they work at unpaid or low-paying positions. They really give the students role models to look to: people who are making a stand and doing something to solve the problems."

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The guests also offer a variety of methods for addressing the homeless issue. Students like this diversity. "I have sort of a conservative view of things, and I like getting a different approach," acknowledged Richard Lewandowski, a Dietetics major from Philadelphia.

Lewandowski took his own approach last semester at the Chevy Chase Center. He started his project by distributing a survey to unemployed families to determine their eating and purchasing habits. Then he developed menus and recipes and actually shopped for low-cost, nutritious foods for them. The bags of food were distributed with recipes and suggestions for eating well on a tight budget.

Kristen Husnagel, an English major from McKees Rocks, had never had personal experience with poverty. "The problem of hunger and homelessness was so far away from me. I was so removed from the situation," she admitted. "But now I am becoming more compassionate, because we're learning that no matter what your circumstances in life, anyone could be homeless at some point. I'm also overwhelmed by the amount of consciousness in the county about homelessness and everyone's willingness to help alleviate the situation."

Husnagel worked during the semester with the ARIN Adult Literacy program. She completed ten hours of training and tutored a woman whose goal was to improve her reading skills in order to pass the written driver's test.

Hufnagel was discouraged when the woman discontinued lessons for fear of losing supplemental security income benefits. But she learned about the trap of poverty. Often, in the effort to pursue an education to increase their employment potential, the poor put financial benefits in jeopardy. Rather than forfeit what little they have, they give up.

Hufnagel was assigned another student. She had high hopes for a better outcome and plans to continue her volunteer work with ARIN next year while pursuing graduate work at IUP.

Sandy Beck from Pittsburgh spent her spring break working with Habitat for Humanity in Homestead, Fla., one of the communities devastated by Hurricane Andrew in August, 1992. Daily projects included spackling and painting, adding metal hurricane straps to homes, and finishing fence construction. Exhausted but satisfied with the contribution she made, Beck returned home infected with the spirit of Habitat and plans to volunteer with the organization after graduation.

An Interior Design major, Beck could get a job decorating luxurious apartments or offices. Instead, she plans to work to make buildings more accessible to those with disabilities. An aging Baby Boomer population should keep her in business for a long time.

Students found they have something to offer the community through their particular talents and life experiences as they integrated their diverse majors with class projects.

"I want to give students confidence in the skills that they have developed over the past four years," said Van Dyke, "and let them know that in these thirty-five hours they can make a contribution. They can help someone less fortunate and begin a habit of lifelong service."

"Housing the Homeless" is a synthesis course that does indeed bring it all together—real-life struggles like poverty, domestic abuse, and hunger and the analysis and implementation of strategies to alleviate these problems.

Carrie Hicks, a VISTA volunteer, said it best when she described her work with the Mental Health Association. "It's people helping people. It's about getting out and helping your neighbor help himself. There's no better way to put it."

She's right. That's life in the "real world." And that's what students learn in "Housing the Homeless and Feeding the Hungry."

Susan Lang served for seven years as campus pastor at the Lutheran Campus Ministry at IUP and is a widely published freelance writer.

What Can Be Done in Thirty-five Hours?

Participants in the "Housing the Homeless" class discovered that they could make a significant contribution in their thirty-five hours of community service. Here's where they volunteered and what they did:

ARIN Adult Literacy Program

Participated in a ten-hour training program; tutored students

funds for the IUP Campus Chapter. The money is used to subsidize trips, like the one to Homestead, which volunteers pay for on their own

Indiana County Community Action Program

Assisted with the observance of the thirtieth anniversary of ICCAP and with fund-raising

Indiana County Head Start

Raised enough money to buy a hundred books for the children's lending library; repaired old books; worked directly with the children

Mental Health Association of Indiana County

Taught CPR to mental health clients; rendered assistance with agency's computer system; worked with grant writing

Pathway Homeless Shelter

Worked at the shelter; collected clothing, food, and supplies in university residence halls for the shelter

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Eastern Orthodox Foundation

Took ID photos of residents to identify them should they become lost; worked on a public relations video

Habitat for Humanity

Participated in spring break trip to Homestead, Fla.; held a "Sleep Out" in the Oak Grove to raise

FEATURE

Super Superfans

by Bob Fulton

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You are invited to join the celebration... into the Twenty-first Century.

Read on for details.

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That's a question the Ellises seldom have cause to ask. They've followed the Indians to Alabama, Connecticut, Florida, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, and Texas. Their most memorable trip? A circuitous journey to Jacksonville, Ala., for the national semifinals in 1991 with the families of football players Paul Kovell, Doug Adamovich, and Sean Kunes.

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Butch Vellesig, Nancy Newkerk, Ken Widdowson, Ruth Podbielski, Jack Reefer, Tom Ellis, and Betsy Joseph are likewise as constant as the tides in their loyalty to IUP athletic teams. They've adopted the Marine Corps motto as their own: *semper fidelis* (always faithful). They follow the Indians from coast to coast, through good times and bad, in weather so dreadful that sensible folks wouldn't dare venture beyond the front door.

But then, common sense invariably takes a backseat to devotion where IUP's so-called "Superfans" are concerned. Why, they've stubbornly sat on metal bleachers at Towson State (Md.) while a thunderstorm, accompanied by vivid flashes of lightning, raged around them. They've shrugged off a six-inch snowfall, subzero wind chills, and the very real possibility of frostbite to cheer on the Indians at Grand Valley State (Mich.). They've driven through blizzards that would've held up the Iditarod just to watch a basketball game on the road.

"I guess diehard fans don't really consider the weather. We would be there anyway," said Vellesig. "It's like, are we going to the game? Well, does the sun come up in the morning? So, we're always there. The measure of a true fan is that he's with his team through thick and thin."

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Each participating student organization concocted and named a nonalcoholic drink, which served as a centerpiece for a theme display built around the drink's name. Spectators sampled the drinks and ogled the displays, and judges evaluated both before awarding scores of prizes provided by local business sponsors.

What it all proved is that you don't need alcohol to make a tasty drink and, what's more, you don't need alcohol to have a really good time. The Indiana Regional Highway Safety Project, based at IUP, coordinated the event and provided "classic" recipes from the first mix-off in 1991.

BEST-TASTING DRINK

O.J. Solution



Zeta Tau Alpha won first place in this year's contest for Best-Tasting Drink with its O.J. Solution. The concoction featured grenadine suspended in orange juice to resemble blood. Onlookers were invited to record their assessment of O.J. Simpson's guilt or innocence.

BEST DRINK AND DISPLAY



Ilene Bergesen from Honesdale spooned out the Association of Student Designers' entry, Confetti Cooler, based on a Mardi Gras theme. The drink, which won ASD first place in the Best Drink and Display category, featured vanilla ice cream, cherry Kool-Aid, cherry Jell-O, Sprite, sugar, water, and colored coconut.

CROWN MARDI GRAS'S 1991 FIRST PLACE MOST ORIGINAL DRINK

- 2 small packets lemon-lime Kool-Aid
- 1 18-ounce can pineapple juice
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 quarts water
- 1 quart 7-up or ginger ale

"IN IN PUNCH BOWL
AND SERVE."



Rich Racioppa from Utica, N.Y., and the University Health Service's Peer Educators took third place in the Best Drink and Display category.

Confetti Cooler

CALIFORNIA GAMMA DELTA'S 1991 FIRST-PLACE BEST-LASTING DRINK

1 quart coconut milk
 1 quart papaya juice
 2 quarts pineapple juice
 2 quarts orange juice
 1 cup grenadine
 20 strawberries
 10 bananas
 crushed ice

MIX IN BLENDER AND SERVE IN A TALL GLASS WITH GARNISH.

Theta Phi Alpha won first place in the Most Spirit competition.

**MOST SPIRIT**

The IUP Ambassadors, a student alumni group, prepared The Brady Punch for a fictitious Fillmore High dance attended by the Brady Bunch (who were present in costume as well as in spirit). Christine Davis, left, from Punxsutawney, and Karen Zook from Brownstown did the serving.



Soaring Into Responsibility



Sigma Phi Epsilon took top prize in the Most Original Drink category with its Jingle Juice. The brothers were also recognized for "Most in Attendance."



Jingle Juice

MOST ORIGINAL DRINK

We all know that many college students have a natural curiosity to experiment with newfound freedom and, possibly, with drugs and alcohol.

The university sponsors a wealth of programs coordinated by several departments and offices that address alcohol and drug abuse. There are well over two hundred educational programs offered on campus each year for students and members of the entire university community.

One option for students who choose to live in residence halls is the chance to live on the SOAR floors, areas reserved for students who pledge not to use alcohol or other drugs. SOAR, which stands for Students Opting for Alternative Residence, is the first program of its kind in the State System of Higher Education. Residents of this exclusive program are expected to take responsibility for their living area and to develop their own guidelines to meet the needs of their own small community. In a comparison of academic performance by residence hall living areas, the SOAR floors were rec-

ognized as two of the six highest academic achieving floors on campus.

Another comprehensive effort involves peer education programs. Peer educators (students who have been trained to be knowledgeable about various wellness issues) present programs that deal with alcohol- and drug-related issues. They provide positive role models and stimulate discussion about problems that face students.

Advocates for National Greek Leadership and Education (ANGLE) is a peer educator group that works within the fraternity and sorority system to promote health and wellness. IUP's BACCHUS chapter promotes responsible decision making regarding the use and nonuse of alcohol among students and the community and sponsors The Zoo, a nonalcoholic nightclub for students.

Support programs such as these make for healthier students, as well as increase the chance for success in the academic environment.

—Lawrence Pettit
President, IUP

LIFESTYLES



Colorado baseball film: Stefan Brodsky '75, left, and filmmaker Ken Burns videotaped a promotional spot during construction of Coors Field in Denver. They were promoting *They Came to Play*, a hundred-year history of baseball in Colorado, which aired in conjunction with Burns' film, *Baseball*, last September and this past April. The film, produced and directed by Brodsky and KRMA-TV, won a first-place award for best documentary from the Colorado Broadcasters Association. Brodsky spent thirteen years in radio and television news, sports, and public affairs before forming his own production company in 1991, concentrating on programming for public and cable television. He lives in Denver.

Campaign Update

The Campaign for Indiana University of Pennsylvania continues to move toward its \$20 million goal. According to campaign cochairmen James Miller and Thomas Zaucha, a total of \$18.2 million has been committed to the campaign by various constituencies.

In addition, the campaign has been successful in raising the funds to meet The Kresge Foundation's challenge. The foundation, of Troy, Mich., will release \$400,000 to the campaign after IUP, in turn, raises \$1,124,694. According to Miller and Zaucha, \$398,782 remains to be raised.

In anticipation of meeting the \$20-million goal, a victory celebration will be held during Homecoming weekend on October 14. Refer to the invitation inserted in this issue of *IUP Magazine*.

The Company We Keep

Including Inclusion: A special education teacher in the St. Mary's County School District in Maryland, Kelly Norton Egan '92 was named Educator of the Year by the Association for Retarded Citizens. She was chosen particularly for her dedication to the concept of inclusion.



Harry Connick, Jr., performed in Fisher Auditorium in April as part of the Artist Series. Earlier on the day of his performance, he lectured music students in Gorell Recital Hall.

Former U.S. Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders visited campus in April and presented an address in Fisher Auditorium as part of the Ideas and Issues series.

Jane Goodall, expert on chimpanzee behavior and founder of the Jane Goodall Institute for Wildlife Research, spoke to students in April as part of the Ideas and Issues series.

Author of the nonfiction bestseller *Eyes on the Prize: America's Civil Rights Years, 1954-1965*, Juan Williams was the featured speaker at May commencement ceremonies. Williams had an eighteen-year career with the *Washington Post* and has served as a regular panelist and commentator on several television news programs. He currently is a political commentator for the syndicated news program *Inside Washington*.

Awards

Fulbright-Hays Grant

To Susan Wheatley, associate music professor, to study Austrian composer and educator Gunild Keetman. Wheatley is one of thirty-two IUP professors since 1962 who have received the prestigious Fulbright grant.

Fulbright Award

To Janet Lassan, a senior from Washington, Pa., who will study the works of Bertolt Brecht in Berlin next year.

Doctor of Public Service Honoris Causa

Awarded at May commencement ceremonies to Charles Fuget, retired Pennsylvania commissioner for higher education, who served as IUP's dean of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, acting vice president for Student Affairs, and interim president.

University Professorship

Presented during May commencement ceremonies to Devki Talwar, physics professor and the 1992 recipient of the Distinguished Faculty Award for Research.

Distinguished Faculty Awards

Presented during May commencement ceremonies to the following faculty members:

For teaching, Hilary DeMane, chef instructor at the IUP Academy of Culinary Arts.

For research, Stephen Sanderson, professor of sociology.

For creative arts, Sarah Mantel, professor of music.

For service, Melvin Woodard, professor of mathematics.

Most Improved Program in Pennsylvania

To IUP's ROTC unit, based on scores achieved during Camp All-American at Fort Bragg, N.C.



A different kind of '500': Shawn-Eric Brooks M'87 was one of more than fifteen hundred bicyclists who rode from San Francisco to Los Angeles in May to raise money for the Jeffrey Goodman Special Care Clinic. The clinic is the largest provider of early-AIDS medical care for patients in Los Angeles who could not otherwise afford it. Called the California AIDS Ride 2, the trip covered more than 550 miles and lasted a week. Each rider had to raise a minimum of \$2,200 before setting out. Brooks is coordinator of staffing services for the Office of Residential Life at UCLA. He has also appeared as an extra in several feature films, including *Forrest Gump* (he is among those on the bus when Forrest joins the Army), and has volunteered with programs that provide services to AIDS patients.



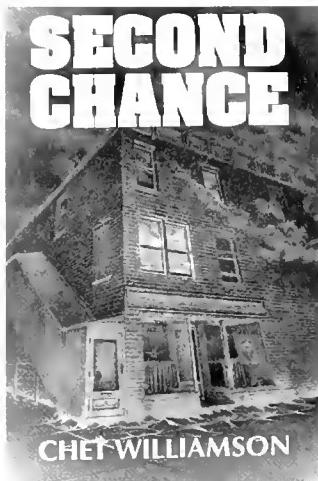
This Year in Kittanning: In April and May, IUP's Armstrong Campus sponsored a Holocaust Awareness Program that included films, speakers, and a faculty panel discussion and ended with a Passover seder in which nearly half the campus's students participated. Kittanning businessman Arnold Moss, above, led the seder. Chad Bozic, a freshman from Johnstown, and Elizabeth Ergler, a freshman from Altoona, are the seder participants in the foreground of the other picture, which also shows marzah and other seder food, all of which has a traditional significance that was explained by Moss. Program events were well attended not only by students but by Kittanning area residents as well.

Bookends

Second Chance by **Chet Williamson '70** was published by CD Publications last year. Williamson, a freelance writer from Elizabethtown, Pa., also is the author of *Retro, Ash Wednesday*, and *McKain's Dilemma*, and his short stories have appeared in *Playboy*, *Esquire*, and *The New Yorker*.

About a successful musician who looks into his past to confront ideals lost from the sixties and sees possible disaster on the horizon, *Second Chance* is actually set at IUP and, according to the author, there is little else to disguise the university but its fictional name, Iselin University of Pennsylvania. "IUP graduates will recognize a great deal," he said. The cover illustration is based on a building in which Williamson lived. It still exists today on the corner of Philadelphia and Eleventh streets.

Publishers Weekly states that *Second Chance* is "great fun throughout."



Legacy of Dreams by **Martha Perry Johnson '61** was published in June by HarperCollins. Johnson, who lives in Bloomsburg, Pa., is the author of more than three hundred books and short stories and is a frequent presenter at writing workshops.

Legacy of Dreams is set at an elegant Victorian resort hotel and begins with a daughter's search for the cause of her father's disappearance. It is a featured book in the Harper's 101 Days of Romance Promotion.



Courtesy of Watertown City Schools

Weird Science: Missy Saver Bolen '90 was awarded the 1994 Middle School Excellence in Teaching Award by the Science Teachers Association of New York. A teacher in the Watertown City School District, she captured the attention of the judging panel for her attention-grabbing antics in the classroom. Dressing up like an atom, as pictured, is nothing unusual for Bolen.



Courtesy of Nancy Traval



Courtesy of Sean Moran

Everything old is new again: Ever since the fifties, the Four Chiefs have been legends in IUP's collective consciousness. Today, their musical heirs, the Braxmen, carry on the tradition of the male quartet, up to and including singing some of the Four Chiefs' songs. One of these, "College Days," was written by Charlie Davis '34, who died in April, shortly before his appearance with Bob Ensley in a photograph in the Spring issue of IUP Magazine. While time and mortality have taken a toll on the Four Chiefs, the Braxmen will keep their musical message alive—and they've even recorded a CD album. In the photo of the Four Chiefs, taken in 1952, Bob Koshan is at the piano; left to right are the late Warner Tobin, Carl Traval, Jim George, and Ed Tobin. The Tobin brothers' sister, Nancy, is married to Traval. The Braxmen are, left to right, Bill Pekarski, Rick Beaule, Curtis Matong, and Sean Moran.

LETTERS

Soccer in the Seventies

I enjoyed Bob Fulton's article about the women's soccer team (Winter, 1995) very much. I have a personal interest, as I played on the team in our first year as a club sport. However, Mr. Fulton incorrectly identified the inaugural year for the team as 1983.

The team actually was founded in the 1979 fall semester. Coach Celtnieks and the men's team coached us and lent us equipment. Our uniforms were matching shorts and tee shirts we purchased ourselves at the Co-op. We played other area colleges and even traveled to Penn State for their tournament. We also fielded a few teams in the IUP indoor tournament.

We even had an unofficial women's soccer house at 1036 Philadelphia Street in the spring of 1980. I (then Marisa Guerino) lived there, along with team members Ellen Pastore, Michelle "Mickey" Hofbauer and Kim Wansor (our goalies), and Stephanie "Sid" Scott. I have enclosed a photocopy of the team picture that appears in the 1980 *Oak*.

Thanks again for the article and for a very enjoyable magazine.

Marisa (Guerino) Marcin
'80
Wilmington, Del.

One More All-American

I just received the Spring issue of *IUP Magazine*. I was reading through the "IUP Sports" page and was surprised to see Chris Villarial's name missing

from the All-American football players.

This surprised me, not only because he was the only All-American not mentioned, but also because he is the only IUP football player who has a very good chance of going pro. In fact, the IUP coaches and some NFL recruiters have had several meetings about Chris. Just two weeks ago, Chris took the NFL physical and aptitude test. Perhaps this would be worth writing about in the next issue of *IUP Magazine*. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kristen Hedding
Ebensburg, Pa.

(Editor's note: Chris Villarial was indeed a third-team All-America selection. Bob Fulton listed in his *Namedroppers* column only those who had won first- and second-team honors.)

Where's the Ice?

I just received my issue of *IUP Magazine*. It was great to see there is a new ice rink in Indiana, but why no mention of where it is in town? Otherwise, another great issue. I always look forward to it. Keep up the good work.

Andy Smith '90
juggledrew@aol.com

(Editor's note: Good question, Andy! The Indiana Ice Center is located on East Pike. Alumni from the fifties and sixties will remember the site as the location of the 422 Drive-In.)

7-1-95

In reviewing the events of fifty or more years ago, I am reminded of Indiana's two theaters, the Ritz and later the Indiana, both of which added a big-city elegance to the town.

The University School also comes into focus. Some sixty years ago, it was known as the Model School, grades one through eight, where students received their basic training from student teachers. The Model School was always something special. Students from the town of Indiana were not always fortunate enough to be a part of this activity.

It is interesting to note that practice teaching has been extended to urban schools of Pittsburgh and Philadelphia; however, the decision to retain the University School appears to be wise.

Ruth Uncapher Carson '29
Rochester, Minn.

Class Notes

40s

James Startzell '40 and his wife, Dorothy, have moved from California to Silver Springs, Md. James retired in 1975 after thirty-five years with the FBI.

On the same day he retired from the business management field in 1970, **Ralph Freeman '41** married his wife, Leah. Twenty-five years later, they live in Mission Viejo, Calif., and enjoy traveling around the world.

Attention, **veterans of World War II: IUP Magazine** would like to hear from you. If you wish to share any poignant memories from your days in the service, please write to Karen Gresh, Editor, *IUP Magazine*, 322 Sutton Hall, Indiana, PA 15705.

50s

After a long military career, **Donald Gauntner '57** retired from the Army with the rank of colonel in 1981. He recently retired again, this time as president of AAI Corporation's subsidiary, Engineering Support, Inc., which provides maintenance service and engineering support to the Army. He and his wife, Sandy, live in Seven Valleys, Pa., where they grow grapes and make wine.

A teacher at Colonial High School in Virginia Beach, **Jean Sandel Gordon '57** is president of the Southern Business Education Association, a twelve-state regional organization. At her school, she coordinates the Cooperative Office Education program and is her department's chairperson.

60s

After thirty years of teaching, **Lawrence Allen '62** retired from Penn Hills Senior High School. He lives in Pittsburgh.

The Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials has presented **James Calabrese '63** with its Registered School Business Administrator designation. He is Plum Borough School District's director of business affairs and lives in Pittsburgh.

William Beck '65, dean of library services at California University of Pennsylvania, was a member of the Middle States Association accreditation team that visited the University of Puerto Rico. He also made a presentation at this year's national conference of the Association of College and Research Libraries.

James Horner '67 is principal of South Park High School. He and his wife, **Mary Claire Emigh Horner '67**, live in Bethel Park, Pa. They have two children, Amy, who attends IUP, and Marc.

Succasunna, N.J., resident **Dave Buzzelli '69** is the new national sales manager for AgrEvo Environmental Health's professional products business.

An English teacher at United High School, **Jackie Weltner Cavanagh '69** has had her poetry published in *Handspun*, the literary magazine published by the Indiana Arts Council. One of her students also has been published, and Jackie writes that they may be the only poets in the magazine who have a teacher-student relationship.

Worthington, Ohio, resident **Catherine Miller Cooper '69** has been promoted to pension plan administration officer for Nationwide Life Insurance.

Having retired from the Army, **Col. Kavin Coughenour '69** is working as a licensed battlefield guide at Gettysburg National Military Park.

An Airedale Terrier produced by the kennel of **Barbara Yanichko Schneider '69** was ranked as the nation's best. Barbara lives in Virginia Beach with her husband, **Tony '69**, a retired Navy pilot who now is a middle school math teacher, and three sons.

The oldest law firm in New Jersey, McCarter and English, has announced that **Linda Sidor Willett '69** of Wyckoff, N.J., has been named a partner.

70s

An Atlanta, Ga., resident since 1988, **Patricia Roland Rodgers '70** has been appointed human resources director for the Atlanta corporate office of Medifax, a computerized patient records company.

Christine Hoza Farlow '71 traveled to China in January to adopt a daughter, Melissa Ann. A chiropractor, she lives in Escondido, Calif., with her husband, David.

The new SAP Global Leveraged Services manager for duPont Informational Systems, **Barry Day '72** is responsible for all of duPont's worldwide integrated information systems installations. He lives in Hockessin, Del.

Among the list of alumni who have earned the prestigious Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching is **Janet Barger Parsons '72**, a math teacher at Frankford (Del.) Elementary School.

Lutrope, Pa., resident **Peter Balmert '73** has been named president of the new Integra community bank in Westmoreland County.

A teacher in the Georgetown (Tex.) Independent School District, **Kathleen Whitecraft Landis '73** earned her master's degree in foreign language education at the University of Texas at Austin.

A teacher in the St. Marys School District, **Mark Mraz '73, M'77** earned his Ph.D. in social studies education at Penn State.

In private practice in Southampton, Pa., **John Danco '74** received the Academy of General Dentistry's Fellowship Award. He graduated from Temple Dental School in 1978.

Formerly a principal in the law firm of Sanders, Schnabel, Brandenburg, and Zimmerman, **David Sanders '74** of Baltimore has been named legal and government compliance consultant for Alexander and Alexander Consulting Group.

Albert Vargesco '74, a lieutenant colonel in the Army, is professor of military science at the University of Missouri. He and his wife, Stephanie, have four children.

Carol Worthington Levy '75 and members of her firm won a 1994 International Echo Award for their work on a direct-mail campaign for Health for Life, a publishing company. Carol's firm, based in Northridge, Calif., has won numerous awards since she started it eleven years ago.

In a promotion, **John Palchak '75** was named supervisor of revenue accounting for Apple Computer's USA Customer Support Center in Austin, Tex.

Diane Mittura Phelan '75 writes that she "retired" from a real estate career to join Capital Controls as a senior chemist. She earned her M.S. in Chemistry at Drexel in 1984.

White House correspondent for CCH, Inc., **Paula Lazor Cruickshank '76** served as a panelist for the National Press Club forum that was covered live on C-SPAN. Among other panelists were White House Press Secretary Mike McCurry and several other national news correspondents.

Having joined Cuddledown of Maine as vice president and chief financial officer, **Tim King '76** and his family have moved to Portland.

Marine Gunnery Sgt. **Stephen Kusnir '76** spent six months on deployment to waters off the coast of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

A private licensed therapist and school psychologist, **Randall Midock '76, M'78**, who also earned his educational specialist certificate from IUP, has received a doctoral degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He and his wife, Paula, and two daughters live in Stephens City, Va.

Having become certified as a school nurse, **Margaret Meier Herbstriett '77** now has more time at home to spend with her children, Jeremy, Jennifer, Joseph, and Stephanie. The Herbstriets, including Margaret's husband, Michael, live in Bellefonte, Pa.

In the hospitality industry for the last six years, **Linda Gallaher McCall '77** has two children, Bret and Jennifer. She works for the Holiday Inn South and Conference Center in Ft. Worth and lives with her husband, Vince, in Arlington, Tex.

Joyce Foley Elkins '78 has marked fourteen years of service to the Washington office of Congressman William Coyne of Pennsylvania. At her recent wedding to Rickie Lee Elkins, several IUP alumni were in attendance, and she writes that it was like a "mini-reunion."

Dietitian **Cynthia Stauff Feldman '78** is on hiatus from her career to raise her three children, Hannah, Lily, and Emery. The family, which includes Cynthia's husband, Robert, lives in Pittsburgh.

Assistant director of residence life at the University of South Carolina, **Don Kenney '78, M'80** earned his Ph.D. in educational administration in December.

A teacher at the Cambria Heights Middle School, **Catherine Rigo Knupp '78** of Altoona is president of the Pennsylvania Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Rick Peltz '78 has been appointed deputy secretary of transportation and is responsible for local and area transportation.

William Eshmont '79 has joined Videojet Systems International, General Electric Company's parent company in London, as international controller of worldwide operations.

Belmont Avenue Social Club, a play written by **Bruce Graham '79** of Philadelphia, recently ran at the Pittsburgh Public Theater. When he isn't writing plays—six of his are published and a few have had off-Broadway showings—he writes for film, according to an article in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*.

After ten years with Gallo Winery, **Jim O'Connor '79** is now general sales manager of Peerless Importers, a wine importing company. He and **Patti Cronin O'Connor '81**, a part-time psychology instructor at a community college, live in Warwick, N.Y., with their sons, Patrick and Timothy.

Mark Rudel '79 of Marietta, Ga., and his wife, Gail, have two children, Jeffrey and Steven.

80s

The Concept Art Gallery in Pittsburgh recently featured the work of **Chuck Biddle '80** in an exhibit called Road Trip.

After fifteen years with Pillsbury, **Steven Cole '80** has joined Q&A Custom Training Dynamics as vice president of sales and marketing. He and his wife, **Mary Beth Weitzel Cole '82**, have relocated to Atlanta.

Marstan Industries named **Bill Fisher '80** of Norwood, Pa., its Salesman of the Year.

Marie Killeen Klos '80, who was named Ohio Valley Mother of the Year in 1993 and served as a delegate to the 1992 Republican National Convention, is a regional owner for a privately held corporation, which is a subfranchisee of sixty-two Re/Max real estate offices in Western and Northeastern Pennsylvania. One of her business ventures is to acquire, restore, and manage or sell historic properties. She and her family, which includes her husband, Stanley, and seven children, live in Wheeling, W.Va.

Working toward a Ph.D. in special education, **Christine Foltz Norris '80** has moved to Athens, Ga., to attend the University of Georgia.

Lynn Brooks Walley '80, who is the administrator of a law firm, writes that she and her husband, Steve, have relocated to the Dallas/Ft. Worth, Tex., area because of Steve's promotion with Kroger.

Senior marketing information manager **Alan Chewning '81** works for Devon Direct Marketing and Advertising in Philadelphia. Alan also is a songwriter and singer and in 1993 released "The Mighty River," the proceeds of which benefited flood victims in the Midwest through the American Red Cross.

Betty Serian '81 has been named Pennsylvania's deputy secretary of transportation and is responsible for safety administration.



Seeing Galilee: In March, Francis Balint '54, Barbara Eggleston Balint '55, and Anthony DePasquale '52 were part of a group that toured the Holy Land, traveling to Jerusalem, Bethlehem, the Sea of Galilee, Jericho, Capernaum, Tel Aviv, and Rome. They are shown here in front of the Dead Sea.

At the end of the summer, **Barry Slansky '81, M'82**, who just earned a Ph.D. in communication disorders from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, will begin a new position as an assistant professor at Southwest Texas State University. He and his wife, **Pamela Mease Slansky '80, M'81**, have two daughters, Rachel and Heather.

Appointed associate court administrator and director of probation services for Northampton County's Court of Common Pleas, **Jill Boylan Smith '81** lives in Easton, Pa.

In a promotion, **Jan Chesla Blahut '82** was named director of marketing and business development of the Port Authority of Allegheny County. She lives in Pittsburgh.

Director of the Catheterization Lab at Madigan Army Hospital, **Patrick Cambier '82**, a major in the U.S. Army Medical Corps, was inducted into the American College of Cardiology. He and his wife, Maureen Connelly, live in Tacoma, Wash., with their daughters, Erin and Colleen.

Karen Troutman Gronwaldt '82 lives in Ashburn, Va., with her husband, Bob, and four-year-old son, Kevin. Karen, who works in Washington, D.C., has been promoted to sales support specialist with Bell Atlantic Corporation's Federal Systems line of business.

Sidestepping his freelance writing career, **Raymond Haluska '82** of Indiana is operations and program development manager for the Indiana Ice Center, which was featured in the last issue of *IUP Magazine*.

Kelli Miller Seamens '82 has moved to Nashville, Tenn., with her husband, Chuck, and children, Patrick and Alexandra.

In a promotion, **Gary Toretti '82** of Huntersville, N.C., was named systems audit director at Nations Bank.

Coming Up

Homecoming, October 13-14

(412) 357-7942

Campaign for Indiana University of Pennsylvania Victory Celebration, October 14

(412) 357-5555

Family Weekend, November 4

(412) 357-2302

Alumni Events, (800) 937-2487 or
(412) 357-7942

IUP by the Shore, B.J.'s South,
Ocean City, Md., July 29

College of Business Golf Classic,
August 28

Indiana County Chapter Cornfest,
College Lodge, September, date
to be determined

The Lively Arts, (412) 357-2547

Janina Flalkowska, world-renowned
classical virtuoso pianist, Gorell
Chamber Music Series, Gorell
Recital Hall, September 28, 8:00
p.m.

Muir String Quartet, Gorell Chamber
Music Series, Gorell Recital Hall,
October 10, 8:00 p.m.

Lazer Vaudeville, comedy, juggling,
and light show, Fisher Auditorium,
October 24, 8:00 p.m.

Doc Severinsen and His Big Band,
Helwig Distinguished Artist,
October 31, Fisher Auditorium,
8:00 p.m.

Connie Ruffulo Tucker '82 started a
new job in November as a unit supervisor
for Rite Aid Corporation in
Westminster, S.C.

Army Maj. **Ronda Urey '82** is assigned to Ft. Bragg, N.C., and was
deployed to Haiti last fall. She married
Edward Rios in April.

Promoted to major in December,
Christopher Baughman '83 has
changed positions and now serves as
the secretary of the General Staff for
the U.S. Army Test and Experimentation
Command in Ft. Hood, Tex.

Married last February, **Mary Lynn
Lenkiewicz Bonifield '83** is a part-
time administrative assistant with
Alpha-Omega Shelving, Inc. She and her husband, Brad, live in Library, Pa.

In a new position, **Brenda Campbell
'83** is case manager for the mental
retardation base service unit of the
Human Services Center in New
Castle, Pa.

President of Compliance Management,
Inc., a western New York firm,
Brett Carruthers '83 received the
1994 Safety Professional of the
Year Award from his local chapter
of the American Society of Safety
Engineers.

Joseph DiMaio '83 of Hamilton, N.J.,
was promoted to product manager of the
Dev-O-Tex division of Crossfield
Products.

In December, **Karen Downing Levenson
'83** moved to Ft. Worth, Tex.,
with her husband, Sam. Their daughter,
Rachel, was born two months
later.

Christina Livingston Locey '83 graduated from Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine and practices at the Wellsboro Small Animal Hospital. She lives in Tioga, Pa.

In November, **Curt Schroder '83** of Chester County was elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

Assigned to Irwin School in the East Brunswick, N.J., Public Schools,
Laurie Marlin Wincek '83 was
selected by her colleagues and a panel of judges to receive the Governor's Teacher Recognition Award.

A physical therapist, **Kathleen Mallozzi Curry '84** works in a private orthopedic practice in Bradenton, Fla. She would like to hear from friends from Alpha Sigma Tau.

A graduate student at Michigan State University, **Shawn Morrison '84** passed comprehensive exams for a Ph.D. in French and is now working on a dissertation.

Maria Risaliti '84, a major in the
Army and a resident of Alexandria,
Va., has completed her tour as an
ROTC nurse counselor and will be
attending George Mason University
on an Army Nurse Corps Graduate
Scholarship.

Director of systems development,
Len Rosignoli '84 of Orange, Calif.,
recently celebrated his fifth year with
PacificCare Health Systems.

Tracy Fellin Savidge '84 and her
husband, Bob, have relocated to
Oshkosh, Wis., with their daughters,
Kara and Erin. Tracy is a freelance
writer and editor.

Dwayne Allison '85, M'87 is working
on his doctoral degree in higher education
administration at East Texas State
University, while **Kathleen**

Glass Allison '87 was promoted to
assistant director of the Community
Health Service Agency. They live in
Commerce, Tex.

A resident of Dayton, Ohio, **Christine Walsh Corba '85** works for Family Service Association, a social service agency, and would like to say
hello to friends in Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

Erie Insurance agent **Deborah Remaley '85** won a trip to Hawaii based
on last year's sales. She lives in
Irwin, Pa.

The group sales director for Summit
Inn Resort in Farmington, Pa., **Kathy
Randlett Coddington '86** started
her career with the Northern West
Virginia Convention and Visitors
Bureau and then took another job
with Nemacolin Woodlands Resort.
Alumini in her wedding to Charles
Coddington included **Michelle Emery
Davis '86, Richard Davis '86, Diane
DiBiase Dautrich '86, and Joya
Comer Friedman '86.**

Sculpture of **Tom Como '86** recently
appeared in the Martha Gantil Gallery
of Slippery Rock University.

In a promotion, **Ronald Guida '86**, a
published author on the subject of
polyurethane powder coatings, was
named senior research chemist in the
Coatings Raw Materials Group of
Hulls America and is based in Piscataway, N.J.

Married in 1989, **Steve LaPorta '86**
and **Terri Buzzese LaPorta '86** live
in Johnstown, where they operate a
floral shop.

Married in 1990, **Donna Miller
MacAdam '86** and her husband,
Mark, live in Coplay, Pa., with their
two children.

A former news reporter, **David Prentatt '86** of Erie was ordained as a
Catholic priest in April. An article
about his unusual career switch
appeared in a recent edition of the
Erie Daily Times.

St. Maurice School gymnastics coach
and health and physical education
teacher **Denise Raymond '86** is pur-
suing a master's degree in counseling
at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh.

A 1994 graduate of Duquesne Uni-
versity School of Law, **Michelle
Shuker '86** opened her own law
office in North Huntingdon, Pa.

The new-business manager for G&J
USA Publishing in New York City,
Lori Callaway '87 is responsible for
acquiring new business for *Family
Circle* and *Fitness* magazines.

Alumni who participated in the wed-
ding of **Vicki Yannuzzi Frantz '87**
and her husband, Donald, were **Mark
Bach '85** and **Carolyn Joyce '87**.
Vicki and Donald live in Natrona
Heights, Pa.

Promoted to human resources manager
for Cooper Industries' Buss-
mann Division, **Scott Horton '87** will
relocate to St. Louis, Mo., with his
wife, **Shelley Dwens Horton '89**.

Daniel Margetanski '87 and **Scarlett
Boring Margetanski '87** have been
admitted to the New Jersey Bar
Association and expect to be admitted
to the New York Bar.

Hired to run the master control center
for WTWB, a new Warner Brothers
affiliate in Pittsburgh, **Bryan Rudolph
'87** owns his own wedding video
company in Bethel Park.

Now a resident of Arizona, **Kathy
Shearer '87** is pursuing a career in
the safety and medical field.

Joe Caruso '88 was named PNC
Bank officer and manager of cus-
tomer service of the education loan
center. He and his wife, **Dawn Nico-
lazzo Caruso '89**, live in Monroeville
with their daughter, Christina.

Jeannine Stalter Goetz '88 asked
Toni Barto '89 to be a bridesmaid in
her wedding. Jeannine and her hus-
band, Robert, live in Evans City, Pa.

Mary and **Matt Kovatch '88** and their
daughter, Carly, live in Kent, Ohio.

For the second year in a row, **James
Kubus '88** has been named Photogra-
pher of the Year by the News Photo-
graphers Association of Greater
Pittsburgh. Chief photographer of the
Tribune-Review's Pittsburgh edition,
he lives in Greensburg with his wife,
Linda, and son, Daniel.

After serving as an intelligence offi-
cer in an Army chemical defense
brigade and obtaining an honorable
discharge, **Patrick Pacalo '88** has
relocated to California and has
started his own company, Historical
Research Associates.



Lifetime of Commitment: James Laughlin '51 of Indiana, a member of the IUP Alumni Association Board of Directors, received a 1995 Distinguished Alumni Award for Service. Laughlin, who served as a professor and as an administrator at IUP from 1963 until his retirement in 1989, continues to support the university through the various special projects and through the Alumni Association.



ITS an Award: Richard DeBastiani '61, vice president and CEO of Information Technology Solutions (ITS) in Reston, Va., received a 1995 Distinguished Alumni Award. ITS has received numerous awards, most recently as the top company in the Fast Fifty, an honor given by Washington Technology that recognizes economic resurgence in the Greater Washington area. A retired Army colonel, DeBastiani served as director of operations analysis at the U.S. Army Logistics Center and served on the faculty of the National Defense University. He earned his M.B.A. at Tulane University.

Stevie Pajak '88, who lives in Jefferson Borough, Pa., with her husband, Michael Figholia, asked **Betsy Feid '88**, **Suzette Slippy Kelley '88**, and **Jeanne Black Hatter** to be bridesmaids in her wedding.

Cheryl Popistle '88 and **Thomas Berezansky '92** are engaged to be married.

Client service manager for Innovative Systems, Inc., in Pittsburgh, **Charles Shardong '88** earned his master's degree in computer science at Robert Morris College. He and his wife, Lynn, have two daughters, Alyssa and Tara.

Director of the Educational Talent Search program at John Wood Community College in Quincy, Ill., **Dennis Van Wey M'88** has accepted the continuation of his position with the beginning of a new grant cycle.

Members of the wedding party of **Diane Bruno Dillon '89** and Steven Dillon were **Cynthia Bruno Acton '85** and **Sandra Bruno Laufer '88**.

In the year they have been married, **Kim Kossow Dykes '89** and her husband, Paul, have moved from Pittsburgh to Los Angeles and now have settled in Tampa, Fla.

Carlos Leon '89 and **Janeen Beck Leon '89** married during a ski trip in British Columbia, live in Brunswick, Ohio.

In January, **Joanne Lipnick '89** started a new position with Federated Investors in Pittsburgh. She is engaged to marry Samuel Garloff.

Alumnus **Michael Zavatchen '79** was in the wedding of **Anne Zavatchen Ferrick '89** and **Charles Ferrick '90**. The Ferricks live in Erie.

90s

At the November wedding of **Susan Storm Matus '90** and Thomas Matus, **Brian Storm '89**, **Kerri Rugh Presloid '90**, **Julia Russell '91**, and **Carolyn Storm Yackuboskey '95** served in the wedding party. The father of the bride is **Norman Storm, '65, M'70**, director of IUP's Punxsutawney campus.

Participants in the wedding of **Wendy Parker Owen '90** and Paul Owen included **Angelia Follet Halaja '90** and **Okal Onyundo '90**. The couple resides in Plato, Mo.

Promoted to sergeant in the Pennsylvania State Police, **Bradley Shields '90** has transferred to the Punxsutawney barracks.

Hampton, Va., resident **John Yelich '90** is engaged to marry Joanne Saracino.

West Harbour Gallery in Oyster Bay, N.Y., recently exhibited the work of **Pamela Ayres '91**.

Bridesmaids in the wedding of **Kristine Coolidge Conklin '91** and her husband, Jeff, included **Sherrie Bush Meale '89**, **Kelli Stark Newmaster '91**, **Heather Salinski '91**, and **Beth Tarbell '91**. The Conklins reside in South Williamsport, Pa.

Tara Dimirsky '91 of New Brunswick, N.J., writes that she will marry Guy Priddy this August.

Married nearly three years ago, **Alan Knupp '91** and **Lisa Holliday Knupp '92** asked **Amy Markowitz '92** to serve in their wedding.

A reporter and editor for the *Bent County Democrat*, **Andrea Walters Rich '91** lives in Las Animas, Colo., with her husband, Jay, and daughter, Sarah.

Married in 1993 to Penny Hess, **Richard Tracy '91** asked **Tim Sebetich '92**, **Richard Armagost '93**, and **Keith Graham** to serve in his wedding. The Tracys live in Temple, Pa.

In a promotion, **Tracy Trauger '91** was named director of association services for Nursecam, Inc., in Philadelphia.

Kathleen Panasci Williams '91 and **Michael Williams '91** have moved from Annapolis, Md., to Johnstown with their son, Kyle.

Participants in the wedding of **Matthew Brigaman '92** and **Shannon Smith Brigaman '92** included **Claude Saliba '91**, **Sean Sawyer '92**, and **Valerie Simpson '93**.

Laura Loxley '92 asked **Ed Llewlyn '90**, **Sally Alwine '91**, **Shibani Barot '92**, and **Belinda Neely '95** to participate in her wedding to Michael Garofolo.

A member of the narcotics and DUI task force of the Plum Borough Police Department, **Andrew McNelis '92** is engaged to Valerie Cassidy.

Married and living in Johnstown, **Margo Hull Hudson '93** and **Scott Hudson '93** asked **Michelle Dacheux '93** and **Rob McCanna '93** to serve in the wedding.

Jennifer Martini '93 and **Gokhan ("Yukon") Yukselen '93** asked **Kerim Akjunol '92**, **Jeff Svec '92**, and **Jim Uhrich '94** to serve as attendants in their wedding. The Yukselens live in suburban Boston.

University Museum, (412) 357-7930

What Is It? How Is It Made?, works from the museum's permanent collection that illustrate techniques and production methods used to produce art, September 10 through October 1.

Hecho en Mexico, historical and contemporary folk art from Mexico, October 3 through November 5.

Football

At Grand Valley State, September 2, 1:30 p.m.

Central State (Ohio), September 9, 1:30 p.m.

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West Chester, September 23, 1:30 p.m.

Shippensburg, September 30, 1:30 p.m.

At California, October 7, 7:00 p.m.
Slippery Rock, October 14, 2:00 p.m.

Cheyney, October 21, 1:30 p.m.
At Edinboro, October 28, 1:00 p.m.

Clarion, November 4, 1:30 p.m.
At Lock Haven, November 11, 1:00 p.m.



College President: The president of Wayne State College in Wayne, Neb., Donald Mash '64 received a 1995 Distinguished Alumni Award. The former executive vice president for administration at George Mason University, he became president of Wayne in 1988. Mash earned his master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh and his doctoral degree from Ohio State University. An active member in the Chamber of Commerce, he is a member of many professional organizations that deal with higher education.



Distinguished Dean: Elizabeth Puskar '69, dean of Natural and Applied Sciences at Coastal Carolina University, received a 1995 Distinguished Alumni Award in honor of her dedication to the field of education. Before becoming dean, she served as assistant chancellor for academic affairs. A recipient of master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Pittsburgh, she is a licensed professional counselor in South Carolina. An avid community volunteer, she is a member of the Board of Citizens Against Spouse Abuse, vice president of the Horry County Human Relations Council, chairperson of the Environmental Issues Committee of the Carolina Pines Parkway Taskforce, and a consultant for the Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce.

Jeremy Stephan '93 is national sales manager for Grand Slam III, an Indianapolis sports and entertainment marketing firm.

Participants in the wedding of **Nicole Adams '94** and **Dwight Berry '95** included **Judy Murdick '94** and **Kimberly Troxell '96**.

A programmer with the Redman Group in Alexandria, Va., **Rob Cameron '94** has had an essay published in the summer, 1995, issue of *Satire*.

A registered respiratory therapist, **Lori Vehovic Dobranksy '94** works at Centre Community Hospital. She and her husband, Michael, and daughter, Kristin, live in State College, Pa.

In a new position, **Traci Klipa '94** is director of special events for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in Harrisburg.

Allison Park, Pa., resident **Thomas Price '94** is axle division safety manager for Trinity Industries, Inc./Standard Forced Products Company.

The wedding party of **Tami McManam Smithmyer '94** of Indiana and her husband, Jerry, included **Erica Shaffer '92**, **Michele Groman '93**, **Jenniter McCorkle '94**, and **Lisa Wise M'94**.

At St. Vincent College in Latrobe, **Laurie Stamp D'94** has been named chairperson of the education department.

It's the end of an era for the Haight family of Johnsonburg, Pa., with the graduation of **Rachael Haight '95**. All five Haight siblings attended IUP. The others include **Joel '81**, **Kirk '82**, **Zoe Ann Klusacek '83**, and **Christopher '84**.

Lost and Found

Janet Goodwin and **Martha Kleiderlein**, please contact **Rhonda Spanninger Poulin** at 3974 Kingsport Drive, Orlando, FL 32839.

Kittanning Class of 1984-85, for information about a reunion scheduled for August 19 in Pittsburgh, please contact **Barb Daltorio Shank** at (216) 782-3443 or **Tammy Cord** at (412) 885-3196.

Lisa Spatafore, **Laurie Sommers**, **John Jackson**, **Vaunda Bonnet**, **John Meehan**, and **Don Carobine**: please contact Donna Miller MacAdam at (610) 262-2328.

Dolly Lehman: please contact **Rosanne Smith Tingley** at 3620 Van Horn Way, Burtonsville, MD 20866; e-mail to rosanne_tingley@cscgt.gsfc.nasa.gov.

Members of **Tau Rho Delta** and **Phi Kappa Psi**: please contact **Ken Almes**, 290 Olive Street, Indiana, PA 15701, for information about Pennsylvania Nu's twenty-fifth anniversary celebration.

Steve Szalley: please contact **Charles Getz** at 687 Jefferson Heights, Jefferson, LA 70121.

Friends from **Gordon Hall fourth floor (1975-76)**: please contact **Randall Midock** at 122 Fair Lawn Court, Stephens City, VA 22655.

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Sixth floor residents of University Towers (1979-81) and **Keith Ford** and **Jeff Davis**: please contact **Jill Boylan Smith** at (810) 250-9271 or C.D. at (412) 429-8222.

Candace Gingrich: please contact **Sue Starsinic** at 13637 Donnybrook Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21742.

Residents of 880 Maple Street (Christian House, 1970s): please contact Deborah Guarino Ragono at P.O. Box 9, South Mountain, PA 17261, (717) 749-3975.

Births

70s

To **Christine Hoza Farlow '71** and David Farlow, an adopted daughter, Melissa Ann, October 27, 1994. To **Nancy Hairston Lammers '72** and Rinus Lammers, a son, Ryan Tyler, February 21, 1995. To **Delphine Catone Puckett '72** and Jim Puckett, a son, Nicholas, August 31, 1994. To **Rich Krinks '73** and Connie Krinks, a daughter, Paige Nicole, February 14, 1995. To **Rick Herbster '77, M'82**, and Ellie Herbster, a son, Jacob Arthur, February 7, 1995. To **Mary Stack Synoracki '78** and Stephen Synoracki, a son, Joshua Stephen, April 26, 1995. To **Beth Barclay '79** and **David Huff '79, M'84**, a son, Kevin Barclay, March 13, 1995.

To **Mitzi Henry Jones '79** and Scott Jones, a daughter, Kelly Louise, February 12, 1995.

80s

To **Cynthia Izzo Atterbury '80** and Doug Atterbury, a daughter, Elizabeth Patton, October 28, 1994. To **Brian Coologhan '80** and Kathy Coologhan, a daughter, Bridget Kathleen, February 9, 1995. To **William Fisher '80** and **Patricia Carey '81**, a son, William Stuart,

February 17, 1995. To **Cheryl Cerny Kistler '80** and Paul Kistler, a daughter, Elyse Anne, April 20, 1995. To **Randy Kondrlik '80** and Anne Kondrlik, a daughter, Hannah Rose, February 5, 1995. To **Wayne VanDeveer '80** and Jennifer VanDeveer, a daughter, Zoe Marie, February 27, 1995. To **Patrick Burns '81, M'82**, and Beth Ann Burns, a daughter, Molly Elizabeth, February 9, 1995. To **Paul (Geremsky) Gerome '81 and Janet Tracy-Gerome '82, M'83**, a son, Alexander Paul, March 31, 1995. To **Cindy Racunas Hensler '81** and Eddie Hensler, a son, Daniel James, March 24, 1995. To **Mary Roesch Morgan '81** and Warren Morgan, an adopted son, Daniel Aaron Trung, April 18, 1994, and a daughter, Grace Elizabeth, November 7, 1994. To **William Nevills '81** and DeeAnna Nevills, a daughter, Delaney Brooke, November 5, 1994. To **Teddi Bozich Nowak '81** and

Michael Nowak, a son, Christopher Michael, February 17, 1995. To **Janet Shelly Stokes '81** and Michael Stokes, a son, George Brooke, November 5, 1994. To **Jim Cunningham '82** and Karen Cunningham, a son, Brian Vincent, November 26, 1994. To **Peter Fay '82** and Sheri Fay, a son, Ryan Michael, March 20, 1995. To **Timothy Flinchbaugh '82** and Cheryl Flinchbaugh, a son, Thomas James, February 11, 1995. To **Debra Aquila Migliozzi '82** and Joseph Migliozzi, a son, Jeffrey Samuel, May 5, 1995. To **Kathy McClellan Sankey '82** and Jeffrey Sankey, a daughter, Lydia Jane, November 13, 1994. To **Kathy Gruntfelder Burckbuchler '83** and Fred Burckbuchler, an adopted daughter, Sarah Jane, November 2, 1994. To **Alison Menner Flesik '83** and Barry Flesik, a son, Corey Lee, April 22, 1995. To **Leslie Miller Gressman '83** and Bill Gressman, a daughter, Bethany Elizabeth, January 21, 1995. To **Charles Harrison '83** and Lisa Schnelbach Harrison '84, a son, Neil



Health Leader: Charles Breindel, '70 M'71, a professor of health administration at Virginia Commonwealth University Medical College of Virginia, received a 1995 Distinguished Alumni Award. Having started his career in hospitals in Western Pennsylvania, he eventually earned an additional master's degree and a doctoral degree from Penn State University. A member of myriad health-related organizations, Breindel, through his position at the Medical College, has worked with many hospitals across the country in health planning and marketing and has acted as a consultant for the governments of Puerto Rico, Egypt, Lebanon, Ukraine, Russia, Kuwait, and Saudi Arabia in developing their health care systems. Most recently, he headed the Virginia Health Policy 2000 Project, which worked to shape the future of health policies in Virginia.

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Retired Faculty Spotlight

by S. Trevor Hadley '37

William Lafranchi, or "Bill" as all his friends and associates called him, was born in Brookville, Pa., a lovely small town which is the county seat of Jefferson County.

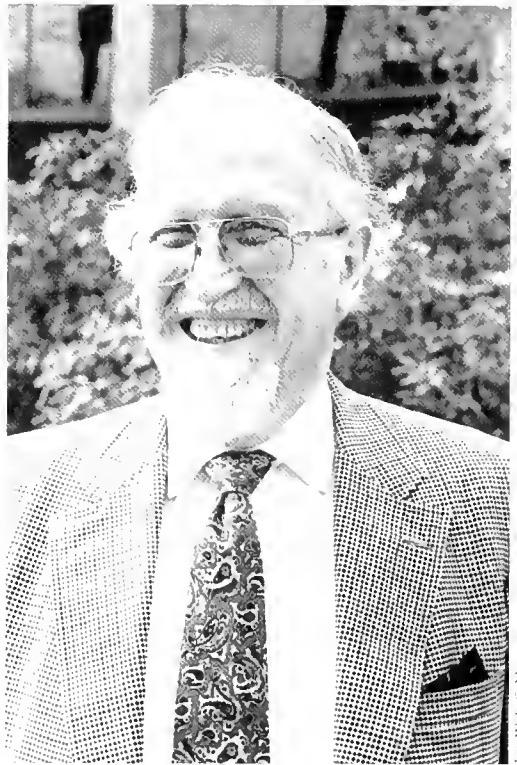
After graduating from high school, Bill enrolled at Clarion State Teachers College, later to be known as Clarion University of Pennsylvania, graduating in 1949 with his B.S. degree in Education. He was immediately employed as librarian for Clarion High School in the same community. Bill continued his education spending several summers at the University of Illinois, where he earned his M.S. degree in Library Science in 1952.

It was in September, 1953, that William Lafranchi was added to the professional staff of Indiana University of Pennsylvania. During his work at Indiana, his professional title was changed several times, but finally it became director of Libraries and Media Services.

Bill was active during his IUP years. He was a member of the Administrative Council, the Academic Council, and numerous curriculum committees and was active in the preparation of several Middle States Evaluation Committees. He also served on several Middle States Visitation Teams evaluating other higher education institutions.

He was a member of the University Senate and also served as a member of the State System of Higher Education Council. One of Bill's most significant contributions was the key role he played in the planning and direction of the building of the original Stabler Library and, later, of its very significant addition.

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Wilkinsburg, Pa., where his wife, Sylvia Martin Lafranchi, is the present mayor of the City of Wilkinsburg. Her term as mayor will continue until 1998. Bill and his wife have three children—Harold Martin, Jr., who lives in Seven Springs, Pa., Patricia Martin, who lives in Midlothian, Va., and David Martin, who resides in Hilo, Hawaii.

When asked about any special memories of Indiana, Bill said, "I remember with pleasure the wholesomeness of administrators, the faculty, the noninstructional staff, and the students as the institution grew from Indiana State Teachers College to Indiana State College to Indiana University of Pennsylvania. I especially remember the diligence displayed by numerous committees as the college grew from 1,200 to 12,500 students."

Bill Lafranchi's retirement has not been a quiet one. He is a member and secretary of the Wilkinsburg Boys and Girls Club. He is executive secretary of the Wilkinsburg Rotary Club. He is president of the Wilkinsburg Historical Society and is a volunteer worker in the Wilkinsburg Public Library and the

Meals on Wheels Program. His personal hobbies include reading, gardening, and travel.

Bill has made seventeen trips abroad, including a round-the-world trip during a sabbatical with emphasis on the Carnival in Rio de Janeiro, and three trips to Afghanistan. Bill's choice of most "beautiful places" are New Zealand, Bali, Bermuda, and Sri Lanka.

Bill says that retired folks need to "participate in community affairs either as members of established organizations or as volunteers. It is important to share the value, charm, and excitement of knowledge and experiences with family and friends."

Bill now makes his home at 1 Scenery Road, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15221, and would be happy to hear from former colleagues and associates.

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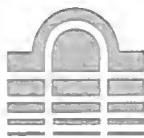
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Federal Reserve Director: David Dahlmann '71, M'83 received a 1995 Distinguished Alumni Award. The president and CEO of Southwest National Bank in Greensburg, Pa., and Southwest National Corporation, Dahlmann serves as a director for the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland. He serves as a director for the Westmoreland Health System, a trustee of the Westmoreland County Museum, a trustee of the Westmoreland County Community College Foundation, and a trustee of the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg.



Alumni President: President of the IUP Alumni Association Board of Directors, Barbara Stahl Lovejoy '75 of McMurray, Pa., received a 1995 Distinguished Alumni Award for Service. A certified public accountant, she has served IUP in numerous ways as a member of the IUP Business Advisory Council, on the College of Business Golf Classic committee, as a presenter for the university's Six O'Clock Series, and as a participant in IUP's Annual Business Day.

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1940: Rogers Rankin. **1942:** Marjorie McAlevy Kier. **1943:** Marie Beard Dick

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1961: Diane Pearson Nealer. **1962:** Dale Batzel. **1964:** James Priestas. **1967:** Guy Battaglia. **1969:** Craige Rosnick, Margaret Coppula Shireman

1972: Patricia Edleman Abadie, William Gressley*. **1978:** Jennifer Linton McIlroy

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Ken Widdowson

Barry Reeger

That's no idle comment. Vellesig still keeps in touch with a multitude of former players, some of whom were active back in 1968—the year a first-time fan became a Superfan.

Nancy Newkerk has followed IUP sports for so long she remembers when Frank Cignetti first arrived on campus—as a *student*. Back then, the football field was located where the Stewart-Mack-Turnbull Tri-Dorms stand today and the basketball team played in cramped Waller Gym.

"I was here for ten years—1957 to 1967—as dean of women," Newkerk said. "Then I left for eleven years to work in New York State. I came back in 1978, and I retired in the spring of 1994 from the admissions staff. That's twenty-six years, all told. I've missed very few home football or basketball games in that time."

In addition, she attends women's basketball games and swimming and gymnastics meets whenever possible. If there's an IUP athletic event in progress, Newkerk, like trick-or-treaters on Halloween, is bound to appear.

She even traveled to Alabama twice, hopeful of watching Cignetti's team win a national championship. Newkerk still chuckles at a memory from 1990, when the Indians were crushed 51-11 by North Dakota State in the title game.

"I remember when we were getting ready to come back on the plane. It was so quiet and gloomy while we were waiting to take off," she said. "All of a sudden, I heard a voice from the back of the plane start to yell, 'We're No. 2. We're No. 2.' It didn't help much, but it was somebody trying to put a positive spin on things."

Retiree Ken Widdowson pledges his allegiance to the Indians in an especially conspicuous fashion. His license plate reads IUP FAN.

Widdowson has followed basketball faithfully since his good friend Carl Davis became head coach in 1970. He misses, at most, two or three games a season, despite Mother Nature's best efforts to discourage travel during the winter months.

"We've had some pretty rough weather sometimes," Widdowson said. "We went to Shippensburg one year when the roads were so bad coming back over Cresson [Mountain], they wouldn't let you through. We got home about four or five in the morning."

They were fortunate to return that quickly. The perilous conditions that night prompted the driver of IUP's team bus to pull off the road and wait until daybreak to continue.

For the last eight years or so, Widdowson and his wife, Lois, a 1943 alumna, have joined the Vellesigs and Fred and Cheryl Wegener on road trips. They traveled together to Springfield in 1994 and to Louisville last March.

Widdowson also journeys to Florida for IUP's annual spring baseball trip and has ventured all over the country to root for the football team. He still groans at the recollection of a tortuous trek to Florence, Ala., for the 1990 championship game.

"We went down on the fan bus," Widdowson said. "It was nighttime, and people were lying in the aisles, sleeping. It was pretty dark in there. When you had to go to the bathroom, you had to make sure you weren't stepping on anybody. That was a struggle. I'll never do that again."

Even Superfans have their limits.

Betsy Joseph, the director of Housing and Residence Life at IUP, began following the women's basketball team when she arrived on campus in August, 1983. Joseph has been a regular ever since.

"I think I've probably seen just about every home game they've played in that time," she said. "I've missed maybe a couple."

Joseph's association with basketball predates her IUP days. She played the game as a Maryland schoolgirl and later at Tusculum College (Tenn.). Now she's an avid fan.

"I enjoy watching the women's team," Joseph said. "It's always a team effort, very competitive, and on any

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given night they could win any of those games. I just really enjoy the commitment I see from the players."

Her biggest thrill as a Superfan? Watching the Indians end an 0-for-24 drought against perennial national power UPJ with a victory last season. "That's one we had been rooting for many, many years," said Joseph.

Go to a women's sporting event at IUP and Ruth Podbielski is apt to be cheering from the stands. Of course, that's only natural: The women's athletic program is like a child Podbielski nurtured from infancy.

Small wonder she dotes on today's athletes like a proud mother. Podbielski, who retired as associate athletic director in 1987, poured her heart into a program that existed only as a dream when she arrived at IUP in 1955. A breakthrough came, finally, in 1970, when the university introduced basketball, fencing, tennis, and volleyball as varsity sports. The women's program has flourished ever since, turning out national champions and All-Americans.

Podbielski is delighted by what she observes at the swimming meets and basketball, field hockey, and softball games she attends regularly.

"Considering what was available to me in high school and college—it was all Play Days, nothing really organized—the fact that we're giving all these young women an opportunity to compete at a higher level is extremely satisfying," she said. "I'm just very happy to see that they have more of an opportunity to play."

Not only play, but excel. Podbielski cites Jan Kiger's 1987-88 basketball team, a darkhorse that stunned favored Bloomsburg and Millersville in the Pennsylvania Conference Final Four to win the title and secure the school's first-ever NCAA tournament berth.

"I think Jan got absolutely everything out of those individuals that she could," Podbielski recalled. "They just worked so well together and came through as champions. Nobody ever expected them to do that."

Jack Reefer thinks nothing of climbing into his car and driving 180 miles to see an IUP game. A *home* game. Reefer, a 1969 grad known for occasionally boozing out "I-U-P" in a distinctive basso profundo during sporting events, lives in Harrisburg. Yet he's rarely missed a football game in the last decade—in fact, he boasts of perfect attendance since 1991—and is a common sight at men's and women's basketball games, too.

"You can sit at home and watch ESPN or the others, and that's fine," said Reefer. "But I like to be able to go out to the real thing. It's people I know from a school



Barry Reeger

Tom and Jamie Ellis in the IUP memorabilia section of their den

I have something invested in. It's my school. It's my family."

And Reefer does all he can to keep in touch. Like rising at 3 a.m. and driving to Pittsburgh International Airport to board an IUP fan plane to the 1990 championship game in Alabama. Or spending the better part of a holiday weekend cooped up in a car so he could take in a 1994 playoff game at Ferris State (Mich.).

"With the traffic Thanksgiving weekend and the weather, that turned into a fourteen-and-a-half-hour marathon driving back," he recalled with a moan. "I didn't think I was ever gonna get home."

Foul weather might slow Reefer, but it won't stop him. Like the proverbial tortoise, he'll eventually reach his destination. Reefer once drove for seven hours—twice the usual traveling time—from Harrisburg to Indiana, ignoring hazardous conditions that kept cinder trucks off the roads, just to attend IUP's holiday basketball tournament.

"One friend of mine told me, 'I don't know of anybody else who puts in so much time and effort to follow a Division

II school,'" said Reefer. He considered it praise of the highest order.

Of course, those 360-mile round trips are more tolerable when your teams regularly contend for national honors.

"Granted, it wouldn't be easy if they weren't winning," said Reefer. "But then you think, maybe if I get in there and yell a little harder, yell a little louder, it'll just keep them going, give them a lift."

Spoken like a true IUP Superfan. ♫

The Who's Who volume of IUP athletics consists of national champions, Olympians, and professional standouts. But in one sense, the latest entry is the greatest. On the strength of another extraordinary performance at nationals, swimmer **Tawney Nardoza** finished her career as a nineteen-time NCAA Division II All-American, a total unparalleled in the annals of IUP sports. Not bad for someone who was unheralded—and virtually unrecruited—coming out of Hollidaysburg High School. "She worked very hard to achieve what she did," said IUP Coach **Fran Nee**. "I'm very happy for her for her success." Along



Tawney Nardoza

with an armload of All-America plaques, Nardoza departs with nine school records (including relays) and the knowledge that she helped transform IUP into a national power—the Indians finished tenth at this year's meet. "My freshman year, the team just started to get better," said Nardoza. "The program has really grown over four years. It's awesome to see where we are now." Almost as awesome as the feats that thrust Nardoza into the IUP

Who's Who. Her career was unquestionably one for the books.

Nardoza's teammate, senior **Katie Woodruff**, wound up with twelve All-America citations, good for second place on the

"It's like a dream come true," said Kish. "It's like I was made for this. I'm so excited and humbled by the whole thing." Following graduation from IUP, Kish spent thirty years in the U.S.

Name Droppers

all-time IUP list. Woodruff slipped past Assistant Coach **Kim Berghoff '93**, an eleven-time All-American, when the 400-yard freestyle relay team—she swam with Nardoza, **Tiffany Staver**, and **Deidre Lamb**—placed second at nationals.

Larry McCoy '76 wrapped up his IUP wrestling career nearly two decades ago, but the passage of time hasn't dimmed memories of his collegiate exploits. At least judging by his March induction into the NAIA Hall of Fame. "It was quite an honor for me, especially after all this time," said McCoy, who won two national championships in the 167-pound division and compiled a dazzling 94-14-1 career record under **Bill Blacksmith**. "I was surprised when Coach Blacksmith called to tell me I'd been nominated." McCoy, a lieutenant with the Metropolitan Police Department in Washington, D.C., maintained his championship form long after graduation: he won a gold medal in the 190-pound division at the 1992 International Law Enforcement Olympics.

Bernie Kish '60 is a hall of famer of a different sort. He's the new director of the College Football Hall of Fame, recently transplanted to South Bend, Ind., after a long stay in Kings Island, Ohio.

Army. He most recently served as the director of ticket operations in the University of Kansas athletic department. The new Hall of Fame complex, located only a Hail Mary pass from the Notre Dame campus, will open to the public August 25.

Former IUP coach **Chuck Klausing** continues to spread his vast store of football knowledge overseas, much as Johnny Chapman once spread apple seeds across America. And, like Chapman's seeds, football's popularity in foreign lands has taken root—no small thanks to Klausing, who counts on Berlitz books as much as playbooks these days. Klausing, who has conducted clinics in Austria, Belgium, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Russia, and Switzerland the past two years, will coach the junior and senior national teams representing Austria in this fall's European championships (the previously coached teams in Italy and Switzerland). Klausing will also teach a certification course in American football at the Austrian State Sports University.

Retired Associate Athletic Director **Ruth Podbielski**, the rock upon which the university's women's sports programs were built, was a member of the Indiana County Sports Hall of Fame's 1995 induction class. WCCS-AM Sports Director **Jack Benedict**, who has broadcast IUP athletic events for twenty-six years, was enshrined along with Podbielski.

Kurt Kanaskie, who led IUP to the winningest season in school history (29-2), was selected as the 1995 NCAA Division II Coach of the Year by *Basketball Times* magazine. Kanaskie shared the 1994 honor last season with Herb Magee of Philadelphia Textile. The Indians advanced to the NCAA semifinals, the best showing ever by an IUP team in a national tournament.

Kanaskie's former assistant, **Keith Walker**, engineered a dramatic turnaround in his second season as head coach at Shaw University (N.C.). The Bears, 7-20 a year ago, secured the school's first-ever Division II tournament berth and finished with a 20-9 record.

Laura Krapsho, a freshman from Harrisburg, threw a no-hitter as the IUP softball team completed a doubleheader sweep of Clarion with a 1-0 victory. Krapsho was also the winning pitcher in the first game.

IUP placed second at the Pennsylvania Conference golf tournament behind senior **Brett Rosenberger**, who earned medalist honors by virtue of a three-round total of 217. Rosenberger was selected Golfer of the Year in the conference.



by Bob Fulton

Experience Equals Excellence

by Bob Fulton

What's the greatest football team in IUP history?

Ask that question and the responses are sure to be as diverse as the faces at the U.N. The 1968 Boardwalk Bowl squad. The national runners-up of 1990 and 1993. George Miller's unbeaten 1934 and 1940 teams. Old-timers might even point to one of the juggernauts from the normal school era, when opponents were trampled by scores such as 141-0, 106-0, and 104-0.

But regardless of which team fans favor, they would be advised to exercise patience before casting any ballots. In fact, a five-month wait is recommended. Why? Because the greatest football team in IUP history might just be the one that takes the field in 1995.

A blockbuster season is anticipated, what with nineteen starters returning from a squad that posted ten victories and advanced to the NCAA Division semifinals. Odds are the Indians will again be playing well into December.

"This is as good a nucleus coming back as we've ever had," said Coach Frank Cignetti. "This team has talent, experience, and maturity."

Like a lucky lottery contestant, Cignetti has hit the jackpot, his riches measured in veteran players rather than in dollars and cents. He welcomes back last year's leading rusher, passer, receiver, scorer, tackler, interceptor, sack specialist . . . in short, the marquee members of a cast that, after a 1-2 start, gathered momentum like a tropical storm and demolished nine consecutive

opponents en route to a 10-3 record.

"I feel good right now about the players we have in the program," Cignetti said at the close of spring drills. "Now it's just a matter of the intangibles—senior leadership and chemistry—that are always the key to a great team. We have a large senior class. Traditionally when we've had a large senior class, we've had an excellent team."

The offense will revolve around one of those seniors—Ken Ferguson, a quarterback who possesses a howitzer of a throwing arm. Ferguson started four games last fall after transferring from Pitt and passed for 1,393 yards and thirteen touchdowns.

"He had a very good spring," Cignetti said. "His decision making is good, and he understands the offense better. You can see the year of experience there. The big thing he gives you, he lets you use the whole field because of the strength of his arm. He'll stretch a defense."

Especially with the "Four-H Club" as deep threats. Returning wide receivers Taun Henderson (37 catches), Mario Hardison (36), and Darin Henigin will be joined by highly touted newcomer Tony Hardy.

"I want to play this down, but I can't," said Cignetti with what might be construed as a conspiratorial grin. "We haven't had a guy around here like Tuny Hardy. He's got the JeMone Smith work ethic, but he's much more talented and



Ron Jelacic

faster. He's sort of the big surprise."

The big surprise a year ago was a new Mann in the backfield. Dennis Robinson, a transfer from Kent State, sputtered like an old jalopy in the first two games before zooming into the record books with ten consecutive 100-yard games. He rushed for 1,597 yards and eighteen touchdowns, totals exceeded only by his predecessor at tailback, Michael Mann.

Whether Robinson continues to "be like Mike" in 1995 depends largely on the performance of the offensive line. Unfortunately, the Indians have been stripped as bare as Mother Hubbard's cupboard by injuries and graduation. Of particular concern is the center position, where senior Chris Sledge was so dominant a year ago. Cignetti has hinted he might call on all-conference guard Chris Villarrial to fill that gaping void.

"Center is the big question mark," he said. "The whole key to the offense, I think, is the line, because

the skill level at quarterback, wide receiver, running back, and tight end is there."

As it is on the other side of the ball. First team All-America nose tackle Jeff Turnage anchors a defense that, like an ornery boa constrictor, can squeeze the life out of opponents. Linebackers Omar Stewart (a team-leading 114 tackles and five interceptions) and Mike Marshall (a team-high fourteen sacks) are double trouble for ball carriers foolhardy enough to venture their way. And the secondary returns intact.

"I feel real good about the people we have on defense," said Cignetti. "But I think they have to take a step as a unit to become championship caliber."

If they do, championship contender will best describe the 1995 Indians. But only time—five months' worth, say—will tell whether this team will take its place among the greats in IUP history.

Or maybe even surpass them all.



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